Peripatetic Music Programme

Macarthur offers a comprehensive peripatetic instrumental programme in which students can commence lessons in any year from Kindergarten to Year 12. Students are encouraged to enrol in peripatetic instrument lessons from the earliest years. Macarthur provides an extensive range of instrument options with a group of highly trained specialist teachers.

Guidelines for Peripatetic Music Programme Lessons

Fees

- The recommended tuition fee for 2007 is $28.00 (please note that the recommended rate set by the AMA is $31.00 per 30 minute lesson). Some peripatetic tutors may charge a little above or below this amount.

Enrolment Conditions

- Enrolment is for the calendar year or the remainder thereof.
- Written notice of discontinuation of tuition must be received four weeks prior to the end of a term addressed to the Head of Music. In the event of no notice being given fees are payable until lessons are formally cancelled.
- Students will receive lessons on a weekly basis according to the length of each term.
- Lessons are of thirty minutes duration and are timetabled during class time. Effort is made to find the most suitable time for each student.
- Notification of non-attendance needs to be received by the Music Tutor at least 24 hours prior to the lesson time for lessons to be rescheduled. Parents and students need to make direct contact with the tutor to make alternate lesson arrangements. This will be strictly adhered to.
- Lessons which are missed and not rescheduled as outlined above must be paid for. In incidences of student illness notification as soon as possible should be given directly to the tutor.
- When lessons coincide with a school activity, for example sports days, camps, special class excursions or tests, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the music tutor and arrange a suitable alternate time. Failure to do so will mean the lesson is forfeited and must be paid for.
- In the event of the Music Tutor not being available, missed lessons will be rescheduled or if this is not possible they will not be charged to accounts.
- Tuition fees are payable for the entire term within two weeks of receiving an account from the tutor. Tutors will issue receipts for money paid. It is recommended payment be by cheque.
Lesson Schedules for Infants School and Junior School Students

- Students will not come out of prime time for their lessons.
- Students will have lessons set on the same day on a rotating basis.

Lesson schedule for Middle School and Senior School Students

- Each term lessons are timetabled on a set day at a set time based on the week A and B timetable. It must be understood that once a student is allocated a lesson time this is a fixed weekly commitment for the duration of the term.
- Each term lesson times will be rescheduled.
- Lesson times are published each day of the week on the Daily Information Sheet. The Daily Information Sheet is posted on notice boards around the school. Each student is required to read the Daily Information Sheet as part of his or her daily routine as explained in the School diary. Although students are allocated a fixed time, they will need to check weekly times due to variations in the school routine.
- No lessons are scheduled during examinations week for Middle School and Senior School students.

Student Information Sheet

- To facilitate direct communication between tutors and parents, a student information sheet will be prepared and forwarded to the Music tutor.
- Confirmation of lessons and allocation of tutor will be indicated on the Information Sheet.

Practice

- For progress to take place no matter which instrument is being played or the age of the student, regular practice is key. There are many ways in which you can assist your child achieve their goals. Please discuss the individual requirements and suitable strategies with your child’s Music Tutor.
- It is essential that each student practise his or her instrument regularly. For beginners this should be approximately 20 minutes per day, five days a week. This amount of time will increase as the student progresses. Tutors will advise each student as to the amount of time required to practise each day.
- Instruments can be hired by a private arrangement outside of Macarthur. If you would like information please contact the Head of Music.
- Students must have an instrument to practise and they are required to bring this instrument as well as their music to each lesson.

Examinations and Performance opportunities

- Students are strongly encouraged to undertake performance and theory examinations while in the peripatetic music programme.
- Throughout the year a number of performance opportunities have been scheduled for students to participate in both group and individual contexts. Tutors have details of all concerts and students are strongly advised to participate wherever possible.
Reports
• A report on each student’s progress will be prepared by the Music tutor and will be forwarded at the end of each semester.

Music Buddy
• Students are encouraged to have a music buddy who will collect class information and pass on homework details from missed class time.